

What is claimed is:

1. A method of using a printing device having a toner fuser to laminate a media sheet with at least one laminate material sheet, the method comprising:

receiving a laminate request;

5 adjusting a characteristic of the toner fuser of the printing device; and
passing the media sheet and the at least one laminate material sheet through the toner fuser to effect lamination within the printing device.

10 2. The method of toner claim 1, wherein passing the media sheet and the at least one laminate material through the toner fuser includes passing the media sheet through the toner fuser interposed a pair of laminate material sheets.

15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein adjusting the characteristic of the toner fuser includes adjusting a temperature of the toner fuser.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein adjusting the characteristic of the toner fuser includes adjusting the speed at which the media sheet and the at least one laminate material sheet pass through the toner fuser.

20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein adjusting the characteristic of the toner fuser includes adjusting the pressure exerted by the toner fuser on the media sheet and the at least one laminate material sheet during passage through the toner fuser.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving the media sheet and at least one laminate material sheet into a
media-transport path in the printing device;
transporting the media sheet and at least one laminate material sheet
5 along the media-transport path through the toner fuser; and
outputting a laminated media sheet from the media-transport path.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein receiving the media sheet and at
least one laminate material sheet includes receiving a document interposed a
10 pair of laminate material sheets.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein receiving the media sheet and at
least one laminate material sheet includes receiving the media sheet and at least
one laminate material sheet from a manual feed tray of the printing device.

15 9. The method of claim 8, wherein receiving the media sheet and at
least one laminate material sheet includes receiving the media sheet and at least
one laminate material sheet from an automatic feed tray of the printing device.

20 10. The method of claim 1, which further comprises displaying
instructions on a device display, the instructions defining how to configure the
printing device to effect lamination.

25 11. The method of claim 10, wherein displaying instructions includes
displaying instructions to open and load a manual feed tray.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the laminate request includes receiving the laminate request via a printing device user interface.

13. A printing device comprising:
5 a media-transport path having at least one media input and at least one media output;

an image-transfer mechanism positioned along the media-transport path;
and

10 a fuser system positioned along the media-transport path, downstream of the image-transfer mechanism, and configured with at least one adjustable fusing characteristic to selectively alternatively effect either fusing of toner to a printable media sheet, or lamination of the printable media sheet to a laminate material sheet passed through the fuser system with the printable media sheet.

15 14. The printing device of claim 13, wherein at least one adjustable fusing characteristic includes one or more of fuser temperature, fuser speed, and fuser pressure.

15. The printing device of claim 13, wherein the media-transport path
20 includes a selectively operable bypass of the image-transfer mechanism.

16. The printing device of claim 13, wherein the input of the media-transport path includes a manual feed tray.

25 17. The printing device of claim 14, wherein the media-transport path moves media substantially in a first direction.

18. A printing device comprising:

a transport means for transporting a media sheet along a path within the printing device;

5 an imaging means for selectively transferring an image onto the media sheet upon passage along the path; and

a fuser means positioned along the path, downstream of the imaging means, the fuser means being configured with fusing characteristics selectable to effect either fusing of toner to the media sheet, or lamination of the media sheet to a laminate material sheet passed through the fuser means with the media

10 sheet.